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AMERICA, THE BARGAIN

April 16, TD (Tax Day), has come and gone. Some millions of procrastinators (and who isn't one, now and then) have breathed signs of relief as their 1040s disappeared down the letter drop. And for a few months, at least, Americans can forget one worrisome item.

"Most people grumble a bit about the big tax bite," said Russell C. Harrington, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, a short time ago. But "they know deep down in their hearts they're getting a bargain."

Mr. Harrington, hardly a "big-government" man, is a former treasurer of the United States Chamber of Commerce and partner in one of the country's best-known accounting firms. Is he right?

A strong case can be made for drastic revision of the federal income tax and an honest case for no income tax at all. Almost anyone knows that the government isn't 100 per cent efficient. And it isn't hard to find someone who objects to something his tax money goes for.

And yet—a bargain is a bargain only in relation to something else. In terms of expenditures, 1896's six million dollar government would be no bargain in 1956. Nor would it be safe to say that 1900's 450 millions (a period to which some look back nostalgically) would today be any bargain against 1955's 64 billion.

The government in those years had neither the people to serve and protect nor the world shrunken in size, multiplied in population and power and deeply riven in which to serve and protect them. Contrast 1800's five million Americans with today's 167 million; consider the 1900 American army of 25,000 men against the world situation today.

Americans live in a land reasonably safe from enemies without and within, the prosperity of its people reasonably bulwarked against economic catastrophe, its freedoms magnificent compared with some other countries and most previous times. Give or take a little — American taxpayers are "getting a bargain."

—From: Christian Science Monitor.

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BIBLE SALES CONTINUE TO GAIN

The best seller in 1956 will be the Bible. At least, that's what publishers think at this stage, even though Bible sales in 1955 set a new record.

The 1955 record is expected to be topped by ten to fifteen per cent this year. In 1955 about six million Bibles were bought, which represented more than a thirty per cent increase in sales over 1954.

Statistics show that Bible sales have increased steadily since the outbreak of World War II and that the Bible is, by far, the best seller of all time.

It is encouraging to see Bible sales continue to increase steadily in this age of television and fast living. We only hope that additional Americans will buy and read the Bible, even if they have to deny themselves another best seller, which would probably be another trashy piece of fiction, of which we see too much these day.

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IN CASE OF HEART ATTACK

The American Heart Association has given citizens some advice on what to do in case you are the only person present when another suffers a heart attack. Most of the advice constitutes things which should not be done, but there are some things which you can do.

First, you should call a doctor, of course. Then, you may help the patient take a position where he will find breathing easier. In addition, you can loosen tight clothing.

You may also provide warmth, cover or extra clothing, if the patient is chilled. After that, there is not too much the ordinary bystander can do.

He should not move the patient or give him anything to drink until the doctor arrives.

The Heart Association has prepared a booklet entitled, "Heart Attack," and it is available to all those who would like to learn the symptoms of a heart attack and what can be, and should not be done, in case of such an attack. The booklet may be obtained from the Heart Association's national office, at 44 East 23rd Street, New York, N. Y.

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THE AIR FORCE AND MONEY

General Edward J. Timberlake, of the 9th Air Force, has made a plan for increased benefits for service men and more attractive living conditions.

General Timberlake boiled his request down to simple arithmetic. He pointed out that it costs the Government $15,000 every time one of his enlisted men fails to reenlist in the Air Force. This is because the Air Force has become a highly technical military service. Men manning various positions in this service must have high technical aptitudes and skills and must be trained for their jobs.

This training sometimes requires a year, or more, and once these men are trained, it is often not more than a year, and sometimes less, before their enlistment is up. If they do not reenlist, they have spent most of their time in training and have worked at the job they were trained for only a comparatively short time.

In the case of officers, the cost is even greater. To train a pilot, for example, the Government must spend scores of thousands of dollars. In addition, it requires much time and other skilled personnel to train pilots.

When a pilot, or a flying officer of another classification, fails to reenlist in the Air Force, the loss to the Government is much greater than $15,000.

It seems to be entirely logical, and very simple arithmetic, for Congress to make enlistments more attractive, and seek to boost the reenlistment rate. If PX benefits, medical care, and other fringe benefits are the answer, then these benefits should be provided.

In addition to this, the Air Force is the most technical of the military services and requires of its members the highest degree of skill and training. When fifty per cent of the Air Force enlistees fail to reenlist, or perhaps more than fifty per cent, it means that the Air Force must spend a great part of its efforts in continually traning men to take over jobs which others leave almost as soon as they are trained.

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Nearly every American thinks he, or she, is a writer, except the men and women who have to make their living by writing.

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Even those who yearn for world peace as an ideal, must be practical in the face of present world conditions.

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No business man takes offense at a customer who pays no compliments but promptly pays his bills.

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People who postpone working until they feel like it, usually have ...ing much to do when that time arrives.

Washington Notes

BANK-LENDING RATE UP

In an effort to head off inflation, the Federal Reserve Board has increased its bank-lending rate to its highest level in more than 22 years. Effective April 16, a jump of 2½ to 3 per cent in the discount rate for the Minneapolis and San Francisco Federal Reserve banks was approved. The rate for nine other banks - all except Chicago - likewise goes up from 2½ to 2.75 per cent. Not since May, 1933, has the reserve system's general discount rate been as high as three per cent and it had not been more than 2½ per cent since October, 1933.

INSECTICIDES

Housewives are expected to spend a total of $1,000,000 on insecticides during the coming garden season. The bug killers are proving to be some of the most profitable items on non-food shelves of the country's supermarkets.

SUPESTITIOUS?

An interesting item recently noticed was that workmen, changing lightning rods on the Statue of Freedom atop the Capital Dome, 287 feet above the ground, decided to wait from Friday until Monday to do the job. It so happened that Friday was the thirteenth of April.

DEW LINE

The United States is building fifty new hamlets in the Canadian Artic. They are the main radar sites in the Distant Early Warning radar line being built by this country across 3,000 miles from Frobisher Bay in southern Baffin Island to Tuktoyaktuk on the Beaufort Sea near the Alaskan border. They will be manned by about 1,000 men hired by a civilian contractor the United States will select to operate the DEW line.

THE U.S.S. SARATOGA

The Navy has commissioned its mightiest ship yet — the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Saratoga. It's the biggest, fastest and most powerful fighting vessel afloat. The Saratoga is the second ship to be launched of the class of the supercarrier U.S.S. Forrestal, but she embodies advances over her sister ship. About five city blocks long, and about a block wide, she has a flight deck more than four acres in size. The entire population of a city of 40,000 could stand on her decks. She'll carry a crew of about 3,800 officers and men.

POLIO SHOTS

Dr. Jack Haldeman, of the U. S. Public Health Service, has predicted that, despite shortages, enough Salk vaccine would be available this summer to "break the back" of the crippling disease. The Health Service hopes to have enough vaccine available this summer to administer one shot to each of the 35,000,000 persons in the 1 to 14 year bracket and to pregnant women.

SUBSTANDARD TEACHERS

According to a study made by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on enrollments, teachers and school housing in the fall of 1955, there are more than 77,500 full-time school teachers in the United States and its possessions with substandard credentials. This represents 6.8 per cent of the total public elementary and secondary school teaching force.

JULY ALERT

Mobilization Director Arthur S. Flemming, has announced a week-long war drill and test Government evacuation to be held during the week of July 20-26. The exercise will be on a vastly greater scale than last year's three-day test. Imagined atom bombs, and Hbombs will be dumped on ...ada will participate, ed forces will set ir "defense and disperse President, his Cabinet hundreds of key offic uate the Capital and Government from pea cret relocation sites dozen states.

Soviet urges U. unit to help widen te

An atom scientists travel by 1989.

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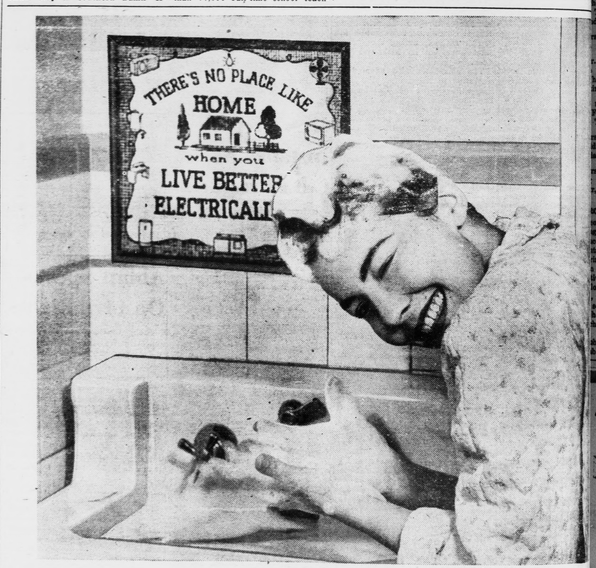

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...vergreen, April 24.- Quite a ...er from here went to Appo... Saturday to see and parti... the Band Parade. Those ... parade were Arlene and Jo... Paulette, Patsy Seay, Barbara ...ington, Brenda Clapp, Patsy ...ington, Richard Hamilton, Fred ...n, Jr., Bruce Paulette and Mr. ...Mrs. T. K. Cheatham.

...Mr. Elijah Farrar and Mrs. Lu... attended the Dis... meeting at Bedford ...day.

...and Mrs. J. L. Gillespie, of ...spent Saturday with her ...Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glov...

...s Mabel Farmer, of Hampton, ...and Mrs. Alice Jackson, of ...and spent the week-end with ...Clara Garrett and Mr. and ...Kenneth St. John.

...and Mrs. W. C. Garrott ...Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Inge ...family Sunday P. M. at Pam...

...rs. W. R. Warriner and J. K. ...tion were on the sick list last ...

...and Mrs. Daniel Jennings ...family, of Cambria, spent the ...with his mother, Mrs. ...Jennings.

...and Mrs. Jack Baker and ...Steve, moved into their new ...recently. A house - warming ...them Saturday night. ...W. S. C. S. sponsored it.

...sie Hamilton Circle met in ...home of Mrs. Christine Child... ...Thursday night, with a good ...dance.

...rs. Freddie Wooldridge is a pa... at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

...r. and Mrs. Latene Jenkins ...dinner guests Wednesday in ...home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred ...n.

...number from here attended ...Federation meeting in Farm... Thursday.

...rs. J. K. Hamilton visited Mrs. ...lie Wooldridge at the hospital ...day P. M.

...rs. H. G. Basham, of Lynch... spent the week-end with her ..., Mrs. Ethel C. Paulette.

"ROUGH DIET"

...oria, Ill.- In one day, six ...gsters were brought into St. ...son Hospital with stomach com... A 2½-year-old boy ate 8 ...n tablets and washed them ... with a half bottle of liquid ...ive. A 9-year-old-old boy ...owed a small rock, and four ... From 1 to 2½ years of age, several boxes of aspirin and ...heads from a book of safety ...hes. All recovered.

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Colored Dots

The semi-annual meeting of the East and Wets Bound Sunday School Union will convene with the Mount Airy Baptist Sunday School this Sunday at 10 A. M. An interesting program has been planned. Sunday School will be conducted by the Union at 10 A. M. to 11:10., at which time all schools are asked to take a part. The first session will open at 11:30, with a welcome by the home school. A brief period of business and the roll call of schools. An open forum: "Restoring the dignity of the church and the Sunday School" will be the main theme of the Union. Each school will share in the forum. The president will make his annual recommendations.

A large crowd attended the annual Fifth Women's Day at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 3:30. The program was sponsored by the pastor's Aid club. Mrs. Mary Marshall served as mistress of ceremony. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Virginia Watson. Response was made by Mrs. Louise Canada. Mrs. Elsie W. Marshall read the Scripture and Miss Mattie Fleshman offered prayer. The history of the club was given by Mrs. Eddie Patterson. A solo was rendered by Miss Dianne Tibbs. Greetings were given to the club by the following ladies, representing their churches: First Baptist, Mrs. T. W. Hamlet; Canaan, Mrs. Josephine Webb; Mount Shiloh, Mrs. Theda M. Harris. Music for the day was furnished by the Promise Land Baptist Church Choir, under the direction of Miss Seregen, Miss H. B. Stephens introduced the guest speaker. The address was delivered by the former pastor of the church, Rev. F. D. Yates. His address was inspiring and challenging. The offering was lifted by Mrs. Armeta Jordan, Miss Helen Stephens and Mrs. Modessa Jordan. Misses Dorothy Austin and Frances Langhorn. Remarks were given by the pastor and Rev. Jordan.

The talent program given by the Mens' Club of Canaan Church last Sunday evening was enjoyed by all who attended. Mr. Winston Jones was the master of ceremony. Music was furnished by the local Kings of Harmony. Several local churches were represented. Rev. N. R. Jordan represented the First Baptist; Mr. Norman Turner, Mount Shiloh; Mr. Percy Johnson, Mount Airy. The offering was very good.

A large crowd attended the evening services at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday evening. The Gospel Harmonetts, of Pamplin conducted the service. At the end of the first half of the program the paint rally came to a close. A total of $211.00 was reported.

The public is invited to attend the all day service at the First Baptist Church this Sunday. Preaching will be held in the morning at 11:30. The Mr. Curtis Elliott, of Spout Spring will be the guest speaker. A special program will be given at 3 P. M., and preaching will be held at 8 P. M.

Plans are nearly completed for the annual Women's Day program of Promise Land Baptist Church. Music for the evening will be furnished by Madam Minnie W. Allen and Jericho Gospel Singer. Rev. R. A. Edwards and his choir will be special guests. The program will be held on Mothers Day at 3 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Walker Johnson are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born April 18 in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Yates were the Sunday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Lucy Stephens and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Fleshman and family and Arnold Fleshman, of Norfolk spent the week-end here.

The public is invited to attend the annual field day exercises of the Carver-Price High School on Friday, May 4, beginning at 10 A. M.

EXCITING RIDE

Louisville, Ky.- Driving up to a service station, Charles H. Lanham, a salesman, was astonished when, as the hood of his automobile was raised, a rooster jumped out. Lanham then remembered that 130 miles and six and a half hours before, he had seen a rooster dart in front of his car. The chicken had been trapped between the grill and the radiator.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, April 24.- Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gilliam and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, of Lynchburg were recent guests in the home of Miss Maggie Hix.

A demonstration party was given in the home of Mrs. John Wilson Hix on Thursday evening. Mrs. Mac Coleman demonstrated. Those who were present were Mesdames Ed McPhillips, Eugene Sears, Charles Williams, Jim Carson, Henry and Bob Covington, William Hix, Estelle Covington, Miss Carrie Hix, Mrs. Etta Cumby and Mrs. R. W. Lucado, of Pamplin, and Mrs. R. H. Oliver, of Prospect.

Mr. Jud Covington, a patient in the Southside Community Hospital in Farmville, is improving.

Mr. John Goin's entire family, except his wife, was in with flu on Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. William Hix on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. John Wardsworth and daughter, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Mrs. Mary Mann and O. M. Oliver, of Prospect. On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fore, Jr., of Farmville were guests in the same home.

Mr. Frank Irving has returned from Richmond, where he went for dental surgery. Mrs. C. C. Elliott, his sister, who has been in the Medical College Hospital of Va. for several weeks, is now convalescing in Mr. Irving's home.

FIX-IT SPECIALISTS

Ashbury Park, N. J.- Firemen here are jacks-of-all-trades. Answering three calls recently, they found a steaming car radiator to which they added water, smoldering chimney which needed cleaning, and a gas-filled apartment which needed the unlighted stove turned off.

TOO HELPFUL

Atlanta, Ga.- Seeing a woman having trouble getting her car started, a man walked up and volunteered to help. The woman, Mrs. Charles A. Sears, got out, the man climbed in, started the engine and quickly drove away. Mrs. Sears reported the auto stolen, police said.

State Bank No. 6

Repost of Condition of "The Bank of Appomattox"

of Appomattox in the State of Virginia at the close of business on April 10, 1956. Made to the State Corporation Commission.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	492,262.71
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,104,816.98
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	236,095.98
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	25,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including $40.71 overdrafts)	1,000,548.27
7. Bank premises owned $ ...., furniture and fixtures, $2,559.46	2,559.46
9. Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate	12,500.00
11. Other assets	1,136.74
12. TOTAL ASSETS	2,874,420.14

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	687,128.67
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	1,828,140.12
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	2,043.07
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	166,041.42
18. Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	3,557.89
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS $2,685,911.17	
20. Other liabilities	16,314.24
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,702,225.41

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital*	40,000.00
26. Surplus	60,000.00
27. Undivided Profits	71,912.96
28. Reserve (and retirement account for preferred capital)	281.77
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	172,194.73
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	2,874,420.14

*This bank's capital consists of:
Common stock with total par value of $40,000.00

MEMORANDA

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	268,021.30

I, J. C. Davidson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. C. Davidson

State of Virginia, County of Appomattox, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of April, 1956, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

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